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Mr. S. Derek Phelps
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Dear Mr. Phelps:

**Subject: Petition 809
Distributed Antenna System
Towns of Greenwich, Stamford, New Canaan, Norwalk, and
Westport**

The Department of Transportation has recently received ExteNet Systems Inc. responses to ConnDOT review comments for the above project. Mr. Timothy Asta of ExteNet Systems Inc. has requested that ConnDOT review their responses for acceptability. Mr. Asta informed ConnDOT that the Connecticut Siting Council is having a telecommunications meeting on September 25, 2007, and has requested that ConnDOT provide its disposition of ExtreNets responses. Please see attached copy for ConnDOT's concurrence.

Should you have any questions regarding the comments, Please contact, Mr. Gregg Hendrickson, Utility Engineer (Utilities), @ (860) 594-3264.

Very truly yours,

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RE: Petition 809 – ExteNet System, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) does not have jurisdiction or, in the alternative, that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, of a Distributed Antenna System along the Merritt Parkway from the New York state line to Westport, Connecticut.

The Department of Transportation (Conn DOT) has received the ExteNet Systems, Inc. letter dated September 1, 2007 responding to ConnDOT's earlier comments regarding the above mentioned Petition. ConnDOT offers the following comments in response to that letter.

1) *ExteNet agrees to install the mid-span antenna at Node #25 at a height above the lowest existing utility crossing.*

- ConnDOT concurs that the proposed mid span antenna wire be no lower than existing utility wire crossings.

2) *ExteNet agrees to revise the placement of the new wooden pole proposed at the Den Road exit ramp. ExteNet will coordinate with Conn D.O.T. to identify a suitable pole location within the general area that is not within the non-access line of the Merritt Parkway. ExteNet agrees to comply with Conn D.O.T. regulations regarding the construction, maintenance, and removal of a new pole near the Den Road exit ramp.*

- ExteNet's proposal to relocate the Den Road pole to a location not within the non-access highway lines should be acceptable.

3) *ExteNet has been in communication with and will continue to coordinate with Mr. Carmen Cavallaro, District 3 Special Services Manager for the necessary encroachment permits. ExteNet will comply with the permit regulations as outlined in section 13b-17-1.*

- ConnDOT agrees with response.

4) *No vegetative matter shall be removed for the installation of any equipment associated with the installation of the Distributed Antenna System without the prior review and approval from the Merritt Parkway Advisory Committee.*

- ConnDOT agrees with response.

5) ExteNet does not propose the installation of equipment that will impact the visibility to highway signage in any way. ExteNet agrees to comply with the required 800 feet of unobstructed view to highway signage.

- ConnDOT agrees with response.

6) ExteNet presented a preliminary project review to the Merritt Parkway Advisory Committee in March 2006. ExteNet agrees to present the proposed installation to the Merritt Parkway Advisory Committee as required.

- ConnDOT agrees with response.